

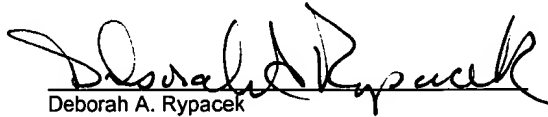


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EXAMINING GROUP 1648

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111;  
RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JUNE 22, 2004**

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Commissioner:

Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered in the captioned patent application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.111. Applicants submit the foregoing amendments to place the case in condition for allowance or appeal.

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated June 22, 2004 for which the three-month date for response was September 22, 2004.

A one-month Petition for Extension of Time is filed herewith. Should any additional fees be required for any reason relating to this document, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Fulbright & Jaworski Account L.L.P. No.: 50-1212/10019302/MBW.

Reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

**Amendments** to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of the paper.

**Appendices** including supporting materials are attached following page 14 of this paper.